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In re Patent Application of:

Lori J. LEHMAN, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/966,982

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: September 27, 2001

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For: NOVEL STRAIN OF STREPTOMYCES FOR
CONTROLLING PLANT DISEASES

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 (Paper No. 15). The deadline to respond to this action was October 30, 2003, for which a three month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from October 30, 2003 to January 30, 2003.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

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